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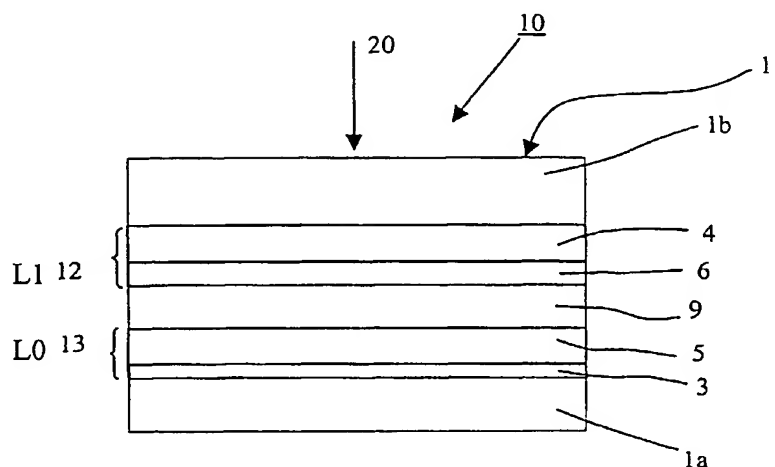
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(54) Title: MULTI-STACK OPTICAL DATA STORAGE MEDIUM AND USE OF SUCH MEDIUM



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a multi-stack optical data storage medium (10). The medium comprises a first substrate (1a) with present on a side thereof a first recording stack (13) named  $L_0$ , a second substrate (1b) with present on a side thereof a second recording stack (12) named  $L_1$  comprising a recordable type  $L_1$  recording layer (4) having a thickness  $t_{RL1}$  and a complex refractive index  $n_\lambda - i \cdot k_\lambda$  at a wavelength  $\lambda$ . A second reflective layer (6) is present adjacent the  $L_1$  recording layer (4) at a side most remote from a radiation beam (20) entrance face (11) of the medium. The second recording stack  $L_1$  (12) is present at a position closer to the entrance face (11) than the  $L_0$  recording stack (13). A radiation beam transparent spacer layer (9) is sandwiched between the recording stacks (12, 13). In order to achieve compatibility with the DVD-9 ROM standard as far as reflection levels are concerned, the second reflective layer (6) mainly comprises the metal Cu and has a thickness  $t_{ML0}$  selected from the range of 8 - 20 nm and the thickness  $t_{RL1}$  and  $k_\lambda$  of the recordable  $L_1$  recording layer (4) fulfils the formula  $t_{RL1} \cdot k_\lambda \leq 8$  nm.